

Suggested Talking Points
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“Responding to Climate Change through Greenhouse Gas
Management”
Face-to-Face Workshop
Centennial Hall, Manila Hotel
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- *Magandang Umaga!*
- We make our mark today. Gathered here are USAID’s partners from the Philippine Government, universities, NGOs and private practitioners who are proactive leaders responsible for Climate Change initiatives.
- We feel honored to have Secretary Lucille Sering and Commissioner Naderev Sano of the Climate Change Commission, Director Jess Tamang from the Department of Energy, and Executive Director Atty. Saturnino Juan of the Energy Regulatory Commission.
- The presence of representatives from Local Government Units from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, the Philippine League of Local and Environment and Natural Resources Officers, partner academic institutions, energy sector representatives, NGOs and private organizations who are all present here today is a testament that we are working together in responding to Climate Change.
- Today’s Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Management Face-to-Face Workshop, is the first follow through application of the concepts, technical skills, GHG monitoring/accounting methodologies that

were introduced and taught during the two online courses: Basics of Organizational Greenhouse Gas Accounting (BOGA) and Introduction to Carbon Markets (ICM) which started last December 2010.

- USAID's Climate Change and Clean Energy Project together with the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI) led capacity building on GHG Accounting and Management last year.
- More than 70 participants registered for the on-line course and we are happy to see the majority of the scholars who completed the two courses are here this afternoon, along with representative leaders of their organizations and the Local Environment and Natural Resources Officers from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.
- The three-day workshop is intended to provide the participants the forum to discuss with GHGMI professors and our local GCC experts topics such as GHG management benefits and success stories and pioneering initiatives and experiences in public sector and local government GHG emissions and electricity generation sector inventories.
- USAID's CEnergy Project and GHGMI prepared an LGU Inventory Guidebook that will be shared with all of you, as a reference. We are privileged to have GHGMI experts who travelled all the way from the U.S. to the Philippines to guide and answer your queries related to accomplishing your GHG inventory requirement.

- We encourage you to take this opportunity to participate in the discussions, learn from each other, build relationships, and work together for a common good.
- USAID has been a longstanding partner of the Philippine people when it comes to finding durable solutions to environmental issues. This year marks 50 years of partnership between USAID and the Philippines, and we look forward to working together to address the global challenges that face us in a responsible and sustainable way.
- The U.S. Government supports the Philippine government's integrated strategy to climate and energy policy that aims to curb the rapid progress of climate change.
- We are hopeful that this workshop will generate innovative ideas for our respective institutions to adopt and implement while addressing our unique and local needs.
- Mabuhay and salamat po!